Dear George, 12/29/91

While I do not presume that Isikoff has any further interest in Stone's movie and Garrison's book after this spoof, in fact NBC would have been insane to have lawyers involved on his Carson appearance and in the studio area because Garrison was charging three men about whom he knew nothing at all with being assassins. He even invented the description of them as tramps. We still know nothing about those men other than that they were alcoholics. There was little chance that if any one of them had been reputable enough to sue that they'd have sued Garrison. But NBC? Crazy not to!

As you may remember from what Stone wrote for Outlook he said these men were arrested and then the record of their arrest disappeared. Isikoff quotes Garrison from the show, more likely the book: "There arrested men you just saw were never seen again. They all got away." Isikoff later quotes Garrison as writing, "The only reasonable, realistic explanation, I found myself concluding, was control." They were not arrested, as you now know.

When I picked up the copy of the book I annotated for Dave Wrone when it appeared I was distracted by something I'd been intended to xerox from the book because it indicates how much that Garrison attributes to personal investigation he just made up -incorrectly, he personal investigation of Banister's former office. (He was then dead.) I'm copying a few of the pages where he refers to them as on the second floor, with the stairs on the Lafayette side of the building. They were, in fact, on the first floor, with a private entrance that does not lead to the stairs, which were on the Camp Street side.

He and his staff were not aware of this at all until they got "Oswald in New Orleans."

My first visit there I asked one of the detectives to take me there. I started taking pictures, beginning of the Lafayette doorway with a small reflex and the detective said he take better ones with what I remember as a Speed Graphis. He did, of the Camp Street doorway and what was near it, several that - have.

Garrison knew nothing about this until he read my book. He just made the rest up. I doubt he went there because the Lafayette doorway clearly is not a main entrance and was not of the kind leading to a stairway. Too narrow. The one on Camp was a obviously the wider, double-door main entrance.

In the course of thumbing through the book, most of which I've forgotten, I noticed that Garrsion was so ignorant of actualities, especially about the Oswald he charged, that he said his Marines duty was "anti-aircraft" when in fact it was operating radar where there was no war and no possibility of "enemy" presence or overflights, at Atsugi, Japan.

How ripe this basis of the Stone movie which tells the "truth," our "history," is for ridicule!